

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Rita Ash on winning the Leadership Rutherford Pinnacle Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Rita Ash, who was recently named the winner of Leadership Rutherford's 2016 Pinnacle Award in recognition of her invaluable contributions to the real estate industry and her dedicated service to the community; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Murfreesboro, Rita Ash attended Murfreesboro city and county schools and Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the Realtor Institute, Rita Ash began her real estate career in 1983; she has been a real estate agent with PARKS for the last thirty years; and

WHEREAS, named *Murfreesboro Magazine's* top real estate agent, Rita Ash is the past president of the Women's Council of Realtors and has been honored as one of the top twenty-five real estate agents in Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a leader in her field, Mrs. Ash has earned the Certified Residential Specialist Designation and has received the National Million Dollar Round Table Award; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of numerous organizations, Rita Ash is an Alive Hospice board member, the co-chair of Power of Pink (Wine Around the Square), the United Way real estate chairman, a member of the Rutherford 20/20 educational committee, and a member of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce since 1983; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the 1990 class of Leadership Rutherford and the 2004 class of Leadership Middle Tennessee, Mrs. Ash is a past board member of Leadership Middle

Tennessee; she is also a past board member of Discovery House, Oaklands Historic House Museum, YMCA of Rutherford County, Domestic Violence Program, CASA, the Junior League of Murfreesboro, and the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, Rita Ash shares her many accomplishments with her loving and supportive husband, Don Ash, a senior judge for the State of Tennessee; her four children, Julia McKenna, Hugh Hanna, Taylor Ash, and Joy Ash-Galland; and her eight beautiful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Rita Ash for her dedication to the real estate industry and the community at large; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Rita Ash upon winning Leadership Rutherford's 2016 Pinnacle Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.